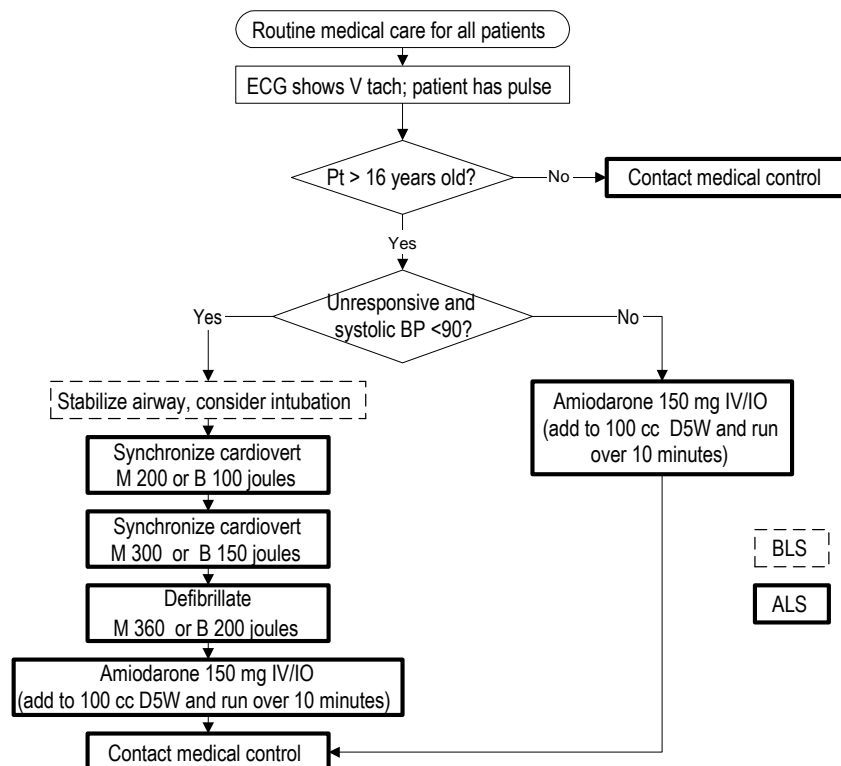


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
MEDICAL PROTOCOL
VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA
WITH PULSES**

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History	Signs/Symptoms	Working Assessment
Arrhythmia AICD MI	Systolic blood pressure <90 Altered LOC ECG shows Vtach Chest pain, nausea, dizziness, diaphoresis, palpitations	Unstable Vtach with pulses
Arrhythmia AICD MI	Systolic blood pressure >90 LOC normal ECG shows Vtach May or may not have chest pain, nausea, dizziness, diaphoresis, palpitations	"Stable" Vtach with pulses



NOTES:

- Adenosine 6 - 12 mg may be ordered for the patient with a wide complex tachycardia that does not respond to amiodarone.
- Defibrillation/synchronization may need prior sedation and may be ordered as the first intervention in the unstable patient.
- Lidocaine 1.5 mg/kg may be considered if patient does not respond to amiodarone. (The maximum dose of lidocaine is 3 mg/kg.)